Cocoanut Industry.

72. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the manner in which the State is co-operating with the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research in their investigation into the condition of the cocoanut industry and the marketing of its products : and

(*b*) the result so far obtained by such investigation ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The Mycologist of the Department was deputed to work in close association with Dr. Patel, the Cocoanut Enquiry Officer, appointed by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research, and to show him the important cocoanut centres of the State and to collect for him all available information about the condition of the cocoanut industry here.

(*b*) The results of the investigation can be ascertained only after seeing the report of Dr. Patel.

The Central Road Board;

73. *MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date on which the Central Road Board met last ; and

(*b*) whether the Board is in existence now ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) :

(*a*) 12-12-1930
27-4-1106

(*b*) No.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know from the member why the Board was not called together during the last four years?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : It was temporarily suspended. They made a proposal with regard to the roads they wanted to be attended to. Every member was pushing the cause of his own constituency and they could not form priority among themslves. So we asked the department to do it.

MR S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know what the member meant by saying that the member for each consituency was pressing the needs of his own constituency and that it was because the authorities were not in a position to satisfy the needs of the constituency that the Board was temporarily suspended?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : No, I said that they made out a list of roads that they wanted to be attended to. That is all. As regards priority, there was no decision arrived at

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether according to the list of roads that they have made out any work was conducted by the Department?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I must claim notice.

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